

# RECKENRIDGE NEWS.

## FORDSVILLE.

Editor Breckenridge News.

FORDSVILLE, Ky., March 28.—I see in the News of the 26th instant a communication from this place entitled as follows: "A Bright Little Ohio County Girl Killed by the Ballet of Pistol in the Hands of a Careless Boy." A part of said communication occurs to my mind as a little premature.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., I was hastily summoned to attend Miss Eva Coppage (aged fourteen), who was supposed to be dying from a pistol shot (22 calibre) wound in the forehead and on a line just above the base of the brain. I could not and did not see Miss Coppage on that day. Another physician was called, who probed the wound with a knitting needle, decided that she would die in a few minutes, and then left for his home.

Early next morning I was again requested to visit Miss Coppage, and this time obeyed the summons, accompanied by my friend and guest, Dr. James McCarty, who is soon to be my successor and become a citizen of Fordville. We arrived at the bedside of our patient at a distance of about six and a half miles, and in the vicinity of Barrett's Ferry, on Raccoon Creek—and quite early and promptly proceeded to business. After obtaining a full and I think impartial history of the case from eyewitnesses, and making a very careful and thorough physical examination, we arrived at a very unqualified and guarded diagnosis. After the free use of stimulants, as she was still in the "shocked" condition characteristic of gunshot wounds, and comatose state, we began first by removing disorganized brain substance, blood clots, and fragments of bone which were driven into and near the centre of the brain substance, four and a half inches from the point of entrance, all of which had a tendency to produce brain pressure, which always results in paralysis (to some extent) of the sensitive as well as motor system. After removing all foreign substances, e. g., particles of bone, brain blood clot, etc., and thoroughly cleansing and dressing with antiseptics, our patient began to show signs of returning sensibility and present a more lifelike appearance. We agreed that her condition had improved.

We left her in tender and a lady hand, and returned home, have visited her often since, and she has steadily improved up to the present, and is seemingly convalescing. However, she may die suddenly from the effects of her wound. We saw her today. She is yet paralyzed on the right side, voluntarily, but the muscles all respond to the current of an electric battery, which has been used (and will be) for the therapeutic effects as well as to test the electric motor for contractility. She is rational, and knows any and every one whom she knew previous to the accident. The cavity seems to be filling with fluid by hydrocephalus. She is quiet and free from pain, and from the way I view the situation, it seems to me that the whole phenomena points to a favorable termination.

Your informant is my neighbor and friend, and he wrote the facts as told him by one or more who should adhere more rigidly to correctness. He was a citizen of whom Ohio country is proud, and noted for his honesty, integrity, gentlemanly principles and cultivated intellect.

I have made the above statement, not as a voluntary act of my own, but by request of parties concerned. I hope you will excuse errors, as I am not accustomed to writing for the secular or any other press. I will here state that Dr. McCarty, who so kindly and skillfully assisted me, deserves great praise. After today he will assume entire control of the case, and may the Great Physician of the universe aid him to restore his patient to her former health and to the heart broken father and mother. Respectfully, J. F. LINTHROPE, M.D.

## BIG SPRING.

Spring's first days were lavish of genial sunshine and bright blue skies.

The season, what sweet and halcyon days we are having.

After a protracted meeting at this place for two weeks, of the Baptist denomination, a Baptist church was organized, and will be under construction at once, with Rev. Mr. Albright as pastor. This is the first Baptist meeting that ever was held here within the knowledge of your correspondent. There have been already over \$600 subscribed for the construction of the church building. Mr. McH. Mendor donates enough land for a churchyard and burial ground, which will all be put in perfect order. There will also be regular services of this denomination at the brick hall every third Saturday, and Sunday succeeding at 11 o'clock a. m. Yet we must not fail to remark that Revs. Albright and Fullilove say that during this series of meetings it has never been their happy pleasure to find a more warm and ardent whole-hearted, kind-hearted, sympathizing, liberal, intelligent-looking, hospitable community than they found here. Does not this speak well for Big Spring? It certainly does, and consequently we have a sacred and lofty reverence for all things pure, beautiful and true.

We were delighted to hear from our friend "Villetta" through your columns, for we well know that there is no one who will fill a correspondent's place with more credit to herself and the community than she will. We trust that it may not be long ere she will again gladden our hearts with her bright and interesting communications and waken old Big Spring from its lethargy, or, in other words, arouse it to what it should be.

The farmers have had their regular routine of hunting up the tools, and have gone to work with a double vim tearing up the ground at a terrible rate.

Mr. T. B. Howard, our popular hotel-keeper, has purchased a hotel at Brandenburg, and will move there Monday to take charge of it. Mr. G. A. Mendor will take charge of the one he occupies on the following day.

Miss Ella Here, one of our popular society young ladies, and Miss Georgia Moreman, of Brandenburg, are visiting relatives at Frankfort.

Miss Nellie Jones, of Hardinsburg, is

visiting her sister, Mrs. G. A. Mendor. Miss Nellie looks as though she was in very delicate health.

Miss Bettie M. Robinson is teaching a summer school at Nalltown, about two miles distant.

The Leap year, "Crazy Jane's" chance. Her heart's best interest to advance; Her honest love she can display; Don't let it out her heart away; But custom's bonds are hard to break; This "Crazy" heart desires to take; And so the maiden felt, she felt; Of course she speaks her mind to Jack.

We are under many obligations to Misses Fannie Keith and Ella Mooreman, of near Hardinsburg, for the kind invitation we received from them some time ago.

We got wind of a sociable, or easily-pull-ing, the other day that was to have come over across the way last night. We failed to get a "stool," consequently we never—no, no, never. DAILY DRINK.

## DRY VALLEY.

Farming is progressing rapidly in this vicinity.

Going to Hardinsburg and new roads is soon to be my successor and become a citizen of Fordville.

Miss Lute, wife those tears of sorrow of her elopement. Mr. W.—has not gone to Kansas yet, but he is still visiting the white house.

Miss Pettie P.—has some kind of a musical instrument. I know not whether it is a cornstalk fiddle or a jews-harp; but I guess it to be a fiddle, by her singing while playing.

I will advise people who are open to new roads not to speak to every person they meet, especially those who are in favor of them, for often they will pass you by with staring eyes and closed mouth, as though they were dumb.

Manner.—Thursday, March 27. Mr. Willie Head to Miss Ruth Addison. May your lives be long and happy, may peace and prosperity ever be with you, is my wish.

The sound of the meuls almost shakes this neighborhood to its very foundation, preparing rails for the new road.

I was traveling along, a few days ago. I met a man who inquired the way to no where. I studied a few seconds where that place was. I then directed him to the new road, striking it about the center. He then inquired which end to take. I told him either one was right. He thanked me very politely for the information I had given him, and went on his way rejoicing.

I heard one man prayed for the road. I guess he did. He is in a habit of such ticks. He said he well knew the Lord would grant it. Lo and behold! the Lord heard his prayers, and now that he is successful, I think he had better pray for the Lord to build old Mr. Baysinger a fence. I don't think the Lord had anything to do with that case. I think the devil was working for a job, and moreover I think he got it.

The law says a country road shall go to some public place, but Dry Valley has one that beats the law, for it has a public place at each end. It leads from the Union Star and Clifton Mills road, down through Dry Valley westward, and crawls through a slipknap into Mike Ader's field.

Old "Smart Aleck" you must have a poor opinion of Dry Valley, to think it could not afford two "Smart Alecks". SAMBO.

## BEWLEYVILLE.

Bewleyville has not been dead but sleeping.

Farmers have utilized the few days of spring weather by plowing.

Messrs. R. M. Jolly and Gilbert Harrison spent several days in Louisville last week.

Mr. W. J. Piggett paid a flying visit to Louisville last week.

Mr. James Pointer, residing about 2 miles from Bewleyville, had some meat to walk off a few nights ago.

Some farmers have sheared sheep in this neighborhood.

Miss Carra Drury has gone to Brandenburg for the purpose of taking guitar lessons. She will prove a good pupil, we dare say.

Mr. Joe Moreman, of Brandenburg, spent Sunday with his brother-in-law, C. H. Drury.

Mr. C. M. Sanders has gone into the fruit-tree business, and his son-in-law, Mr. Chas. Cain, will in few days take charge of his farm.

Mr. J. M. Harlaway has sold his farm to W. N. Drury, and will leave in a few days for Missouri, where he will reside in the future.

Mr. Jack Harlaway is home from Missouri on a visit to his parents.

There is considerable talk among the young people of making up a party to take a trip to the Mammoth Cave in the early summer.

We are reliably informed that the typhomalarial fever which has carried off about fifteen persons, is still raging in the vicinity of the Cross Roads, and no prospect of any abatement soon.

A Reasonable Excuse.

Yonkers Statesman.

"This is a pretty time of night for you to be getting in, Mr. Crimmonsk," exclaimed Mrs. C. when her husband returned home late the other night, slightly under the influence of a full moon or something more exhilarating.

"Why—hic—love, I don't see anything" the matter with the—hic—time," was the husband's reply, vainly trying to get his optic on the family timepiece.

"Well, if you could look straight, Mr. Crimmonsk, you would see that it is half past 12 o'clock. You should have been home full two hours ago!"

"Impossible, love—hic—impossible for me to be home full two hours ago."

"And why was it impossible, I should like to know?" said the better half, looking as though she could chew her husband up in her anger.

"Because," explained the jolly man, "because—hic—I wasn't full two hours ago."

It takes 150 quarts to make a gallon, strawberry measure.—[Pecan Transcript.

## Making His Living Legitimate.

Wall Street News.

There is much in the present bull market to remind one of the man down in Indiana, who was the only man in his village having any loose cash capital. He was one day exclaiming to an eastern man:

"The only stock about in our neighborhood are five shares of an old saw mill which hasn't paid them last ten years. On Monday mornings I circulate the report that a syndicate has bought the mill, and will at once put it in repair. This sends the shares up to 25, and I sell out."

"That's legitimate."

"On Wednesday I let it be understood that the syndicate is busted, and that nothing will be done to the mill. That sends the stock back to 10 and I load up."

"And what do you do on Saturdays?"

"Oh, those are my regular days for working up a feeling in the country that I ought to be paid a bonus for converting the sawmill into a distillery."

Smallpox has appeared at Pembroke, Christian county.

Tom Ochiltree's Texas name is "Wood-pecker of the Brazos."

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